IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (Previously Presented) A method of preventing biofilm formation comprising inhibiting the gacA/gacS regulatory system of an organism.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the organism is Pseudomonas sp. P. aeruginosa.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the inhibition is produced by antibodies an antibody to gacS.
- 4. (Withdrawn) A composition useful for preventing biofilm formation comprising a compound which inhibits the gacA/gacS regulatory system in a pharmaceutically acceptable form.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 4 wherein the compound is an antibody to gacS.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 4 wherein the compound is a small molecule which inhibits gacS
- 7. (Withdrawn) A method to treat a biofilm infection in a subject comprising inhibiting the gacA/gacS regulatory system of an organism.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7 Claim 2 wherein the organism is *P. aeruginosa* or *P. chlororaphis*.

- 9. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 7 wherein the inhibition is produced by antibodies to gacS.
- 10. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating biofilm formation by an organism comprising modulating the gacA/gacS regulatory system of the organism.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 wherein the organism is a symbiotic bacterium.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 wherein the organism is a plant root bacterium.
- 13. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 wherein the organism is *P. chlororaphis*.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 wherein modulating is produced by antibodies to gacS.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 wherein modulating is produced by a small molecule specifically binding with gacS of the organism.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A composition useful for regulating biofilm formation by an organism comprising a compound which modulates the gacA/gacS regulatory system of the organism.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 15 wherein the compound is an antibody to gacS.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The composition of Claim 15 wherein the compound is a small molecule specifically binding with gacS of the organism.